

H.R. 2662, IG Independence and Empowerment Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Oversight and Reform on May 25, 2021

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2021	2021-2026	2021-2031
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	0	52	not estimated
Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No	Mandate Effects	
Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2032?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No

H.R. 2662 would amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 and would require the President and inspectors general (IGs) to report to the Congress on certain activities. The bill also would require that the Integrity Committee of the Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) have one member who is a former IG, would direct the council to establish minimum training standards and best practices for IGs, and would authorize the appropriation of whatever amounts are necessary for the council.

In 2020, IGs working in more than 70 federal agencies spent \$3.1 billion to detect and deter fraud, waste, and abuse and produced more than 3,000 audit, investigation, and evaluation reports.

Under current law, each federal agency with an IG provides funds annually to operate CIGIE; those funds total about \$10 million a year. H.R. 2662 would authorize appropriations for the CIGIE. Based on information from selected IGs and the CIGIE regarding their current operations and the new reporting and staffing requirements, and accounting for anticipated inflation, CBO estimates that implementing this provision would cost \$52 million over the 2022-2026 period, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts.

CBO assumes the bill will be enacted near the end of fiscal year 2021. The costs of the legislation, detailed in Table 1, fall within budget function 800 (general government).



Table 1.
Estimated Increases in Spending Subject to Appropriation Under H.R. 2662

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars						2021-2026
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	
Estimated Authorization	0	10	10	11	11	11	53
Estimated Outlays	0	9	10	11	11	11	52

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